

R33680—Differences between First-Try, Second-Try, and Review Words in Vocabulary Quizzes

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Explanation of the different word types within a vocabulary quiz

First-Try New Words

These are all the words from the vocabulary list for the book the student just read.

Example

Emily reads *Charlotte's Web*. She takes and passes the AR Reading Practice Quiz for *Charlotte's Web*. She then takes the vocabulary quiz for *Charlotte's Web*. The quiz has 10 questions and they are all First-Try New Words. If Emily correctly defined eight out of ten words from *Charlotte's Web*, the eight words are added to her Words Learned Report. The two words she defined incorrectly will appear on her next vocabulary quiz as Second-Try New Words.

Second-Try New Words

These are the First-Try New Words the student defined incorrectly on the previous quiz. This is the student's last chance to correctly define the vocabulary words. If the words are not defined correctly on this quiz, they will not appear again unless they are on the vocabulary list for another book.

Example

Next, Emily reads *Shiloh* and passes the AR Reading Practice Quiz. She then takes the vocabulary quiz for *Shiloh*. The quiz has 12 questions:

- 10 words from *Shiloh*
- 2 words she defined incorrectly from *Charlotte's Web*.

The two words from *Charlotte's Web* are now Second-Try New Words. If Emily correctly defined 9 out of 10 words from *Shiloh* and correctly defined 1 out of 2 Second-Try New Words from *Charlotte's Web*, then the 10 words she defined correctly are added to her Words Learned Report. The word she was unable to define correctly as a Second-Try New Word will not appear again, unless it is on the vocabulary list for another book.

First-Try Review Words

These are words the student has already defined correctly on a previous quiz. The review words are pulled from the student's Words Learned Report. Words eligible for review are at least two weeks old, meaning that they appeared on a vocabulary quiz at least two weeks ago. The number of First-Try Review Words on a quiz depends on how many First-Try New Words are on the quiz. As a default preference, the software calculates 20 percent of the First-Try New Words and adds that many First-Try Review Words to the quiz. So a quiz with ten First-Try New Words will have two First-Try Review Words.

Example

Next, Emily reads *Poppy* and passes the AR Reading Practice Quiz. She then takes the vocabulary quiz for *Poppy*. The quiz has 13 questions:

- 10 words from *Poppy*
- 1 word she defined incorrectly from *Shiloh*
- 2 First-Try Review Words from Emily's Words Learned Report (there are two review words because that's 20 percent of the ten First-Try New Words)

Emily correctly defined 10 out of 10 words from *Poppy* and they are added to her Words Learned Report. If Emily correctly defined 1 out of 1 word from *Shiloh*, this word will be added to her Words Learned Report. Emily correctly defined 1 out of 2 First-Try Review Words. The word she defined correctly will remain on her Words Learned Report. The word Emily defined incorrectly will appear one more time on her next vocabulary quiz as a Second-Try Review Word.

Second-Try Review Words

These are the First-Try Review Words the student defined incorrectly on the previous quiz. This is the student's last chance to correctly define the vocabulary words. If the words are not defined correctly, they will be removed from the student's Words Learned Report and will not appear again, unless they are on the vocabulary list for another book.

Example

Next, Emily reads *Ramona the Brave* and passes the AR Reading Practice Quiz. She then takes the vocabulary quiz for *Ramona the Brave*. The quiz has 19 questions:

- 15 questions from *Ramona the Brave*
- 1 First-Try Review Word she missed in the previous quiz (now a Second-Try Review Word)
- 3 First-Try Review Words (there are three review words because that's 20 percent of the fifteen First-Try Words)

Emily correctly defined thirteen out of fifteen words from *Ramona the Brave*. Emily did not have any Second-Try Words because she correctly defined all of her First-Try New Words from *Poppy*. Emily correctly defined her Second-Try Review Word. This word will remain on her Words Learned Report. Emily correctly defined all three of the First-Try Review Words, and these words will remain on her Words Learned Report.